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Via email: jshea@diprete-eng.com

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Re: RIHPHC Project No. 17360  
Cranston Street Residential Development – Identification of Historic Properties  
1388 & 1390 Cranston Street  
Cranston, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Shea:

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHPHC) staff has reviewed the information that you provided for the above-referenced project. The applicant is proposing to renovate the existing building and construct multiple new buildings at 1388 and 1390 Cranston Street in Cranston. DiPrete Engineering has asked the RIHPHC to determine if there are any potential historic or archaeologically significant sites at this location as part of the applicant's Master Plan Submission to the City of Cranston. DiPrete Engineering has not asked the RIHPHC to provide comments on the effects of the proposed renovation and new construction to historic resources.

The subject property is improved by the former St. Bartholomew's Church. The building was historically associated with the Print Works and is an excellent example of the Greek Revival style. Constructed in 1825, the building was "moved to its present site in 1864 when Dyer Avenue was straightened to accommodate the expansion of the Print Works." The building retains a high degree of integrity and is identified in the RIHPHC's publication *Cranston, Rhode Island: Statewide Historical Preservation Report P-C-1* as deserving consideration for individual entry to the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, the building is located within the Cranston Print Works Village Historic District, which is also identified in the aforementioned publication as deserving consideration for entry to the National Register.

These comments are provided in accordance with the Rhode Island Historic Preservation Act and Rhode Island General Laws. If you have any questions, please contact RIHPHC Project Review Coordinator Elizabeth Totten at 401-222-2671 or [elizabeth.totten@preservation.ri.gov](mailto:elizabeth.totten@preservation.ri.gov).

Sincerely,

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